GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1325
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CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the goods worth of lakhs of rupees being stolen frequently from the custom warehouse situated at Indira Gandhi International Airport at Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the stolen cases came to the notice of Government during the last three years;

(c) whether these thefts are being committed with the connivance of the employees of Customs Department; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the persons responsible for this?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, there have been 9 cases of theft from the Customs Warehouse situated at Indira Gandhi International Airportat Delhi during the last three years. The details are given below:-

(Rs. in lakh)

	No. of cases	Value
1998-1999	Nil	Nil
1999-2000	1	1.90
2000-2001	8	27.28

(c) & (d): FIRs in all cases have been lodged and the Police isconducting enquiry. Most of these cases are theft by housebreaking by outsiders and as on date, no connivance of any of the Customs Officer has come to light in the enquiryin progress. In a departmental enquiry in the case of 1999, negligence of some officers has been brought out and suitable departmental proceedings are being initiated.